

## CLAIMS

I claim:

- 5        1) An interlocking nut assembly to secure a bolt comprising a first nut having internal threads therein and having a blind bore with female threads provided therein, and a second bolt having internal threads therein and having a longitudinally extending flange portion with male threads therein, said internal threads in said first nut and in said second nut having a first number of threads per inch substantially corresponding to the number of threads per inch provided on the bolt to be secured, said female threads in said blind bore in said first nut and said male threads in said longitudinally extending flange portion on said second nut having a second number of threads per inch, said second number of threads per inch differing from said first number of threads per inch.
- 10        2) The interlocking nut assembly as defined in claim 1 wherein said blind bore in said first nut and said longitudinally extending flange portion on said second nut are concentrically aligned permitting said male threads in said longitudinally extending portion on said second nut to threadingly engage said female threads in said blind bore in said first nut.
- 15        20        3) The interlocking nut assembly as defined in claim 1 wherein said second number of threads per inch for said female threads in said first nut and for said male threads in said second nut are less than said first number of threads per inch for said internal threads in said first and second nuts.
- 25        30        4) The interlocking nut assembly as defined in claim 1 wherein said second number of threads per inch for said female threads in said first nut and for said male threads in said second nut are greater than said first

number of threads per inch for said internal threads in said first and second nuts.